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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS.

Their Convention in the Westminster Church. Address by Rev. Chas. H. Yatsman and Others.

The Christian Endeavor Societies of Essex County held their regular monthly meeting in Westminster Presbyterian Church on Monday night. The jingling of sleigh bells was heard early in the afternoon as sleigh loads of delegates arrived from Newark, Orange, Caldwell and the various other towns.

The first session was held in the chapel at 6.45 P. M., in the nature of a training class lesson, with an address by Rev. Chas. H. Yatsman on the subject: "How to win souls."

At 8 o'clock the regular meeting was held in the church, which was none too large to hold the people who came to listen to the addresses. The beautiful audience room was made brighter still by the happy faces of the Christian Endeavorers, part of whose religion is to look cheerful. Each of them wore the C. E. badge.

Rev. J. Clement French, D. D., presided in his most affable manner. There was first a praise service, Rev. Chas. A. Cook offering prayer, after which Rev. Geo. A. Paul made an address of welcome. He said that they were welcome if for no other reason than that they had brought with them Dr. French, who had promised to be present at the dedication services of the church, but to-night was his first appearance in the church. He said the Christian Endeavor Societies were welcome because of the conjunction between the young people and the young church. They were welcome because they represented the great movement of the century, welcome because so much had been found for the young people to do. He said that all were heartily welcome and always would be to Westminster Church.

The Rev. Chas. H. Yatsman then introduced Mr. Yatsman as a most forcible speaker, natural in his movements, using the most common and homely illustrations with great force and power. He spoke particularly of the training of individuals for their work by getting right themselves. He was more and more persuaded that individual life should be right if the work should go on. He spoke of the mechanism of a watch which the smallest speck of dirt would stop, while the old horse-rake on the farm would do some work, even with a tooth or two out. The need at the present time was that the individuals should be right, so that greater work might be accomplished. He asked his hearers as evangelists to show forth the life of Christ. Christians full of light from the sun of righteousness could make this old world to blossom as a rose. Endeavorers should be evangelizing agencies all the time. Individuals could reach where societies could not. They go where preachers and ministers cannot go. You as individuals, he said, come in contact with the wicked all the time. There are men you can catch by getting them full of good things, the stomach being often the royal road to the heart. I found a young man at one of these feasts and asked him what kind of meetings he liked best. He said, "Well, I like meetings where there is not too much parson." We need sermons—sermons on love that move. The good people want to know what kind of goods we have to offer and straight goods are always in demand.

We want sermons of sunshine—not with faces drawn out as long as a yard stick, and as if you had been brought up on vinegar, but showing a life of sunshine. I can remember before I was converted a fellow came to me and asked me if I didn't want to love Jesus. I knew he told lies and did not pay his bills, so that I had all I could do to keep from swearing. Be sure and keep your individual life right. A young man who thought that all men were somewhat crooked visited a farm owned by old deacon. The young man remarked upon the conveniences of the farm, his stock of cattle and good cows, and that there was such good water handy. The deacon said: "Young man, I want to say to you that I would not be afraid to meet in Heaven every can of milk I have sold." We need moral integrity and straight forwardness in life. A girl who tells white lies among her associates and then goes and asks some of them to come to Jesus had better

keep her mouth shut. Let those who come in contact with know you are communed with God and you can do good. Filled with his spirit, you can walk down the street and into the factory doing the evangelizing as you go.

He told of a young chap who had heard of the power of prayer and believed it; who, when his little bantam chicks were stolen told God in prayer all about it and was not at all surprised next morning to find them again in the coop. He said we have scarce touched yet upon the power which God has put into our hands for good. There was the mighty Niagara which had been harnessed by man with its 100,000 horse power. There are human hearts in this house that if we could harness together and unite in faith, what power we would possess! Live so near to Him by the word and holy spirit, that you can go out and tell of the dying Saviour. There are those who dress well and those who dress poorly all longing for a Saviour. I wish we could have the sturdy faith which would bring back the supernatural again. In his closing remarks he told a very touching story of a drunkard who had been told that Jesus Christ could save him, who on his bended knees prayed and was saved. He told of the temptations the saloon keeper put in this man's way and how God had watched over him, told of his almost filling a snare to the tempter and a friendly hand just in the nick of time saved him.

The exercises had been varied somewhat so as to give Mr. Yatsman more time to speak. At the conclusion of his remarks the choir sang an anthem: "Send out the light." At the roll call the Silver Lake Society was awarded the banner for best attendance. The First Baptist Society of Bloomfield was second and the German Church of Orange third. The next meeting will be held on February 6th in the South Baptist Church, Newark.

CHURCH SERVICES.

REPROBATES MEET IN WESTMINSTER CHURCH.

The kind offer of Westminster Presbyterian Church was accepted by Christ Episcopal Church and they held services in the Westminster Chapel last Sunday. There was a good attendance at both the morning and evening services by the members and not a few strangers. Before preaching in the morning the Rev. E. A. White, feelingly alluded to the great loss sustained by the church and while they could not account for the catastrophe yet he was sure that it would prove a blessing in disguise. Sunday School was held at 3 P. M., at which there were present about 100 children. The services in the chapel seemed strange to the members without the choir in vestments, yet there was a sense of relief in having a place so well adapted to their use as Westminster Chapel.

PARK M. E. CHURCH.

Park M. E. Church continued their revival meetings this week. Sunday night, Mrs. Bickford of Jersey City, who is assisting in the revival work, addressed the congregation, in lieu of a sermon by the pastor. She read from the Bible the story of Naaman, Captain of the Syrians, who was a leper and was cured by dipping in the river Jordan, such against his will at first, not caring to be cured in so humble a way. She said that there were many who would come to Christ if they could come by some mighty act of their own. She eloquently exhorted all to come to the Saviour. She has a very pleasant voice and is an earnest speaker, commanding the attention of her hearers. At the close of her address at her request the pastor invited the brethren inside the altar rail—and those who were not professing Christians were asked to come forward and kneel for prayers. Prayer meeting was then held and while none had come forward several had raised their hands in the congregation indicating a desire to be prayed for. Meetings were held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and several conversions have been made. It is expected that a number will be admitted to the church on probation as a result of these meetings. A prayer meeting was held in the Sunday School on Sunday afternoon and a deep interest felt by all. The Epworth League has been of valuable assistance to the pastor in his work.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the Township Committee last Monday afternoon the proposed erection of a new bridge over Arlington Avenue by the Orange Branch of the Greenwood Lake Railway was brought to their attention, and the Road Superintendent was requested to look after it.

The interior light furnished for the street lamps and to private consumers by the Gas Company was referred to by Mr. Stout, who said that he had heard of the complaints and had seen the representative of the company about it. He learned that the trouble was owing to the remarkably cold weather, and that they were doing all they could to remedy it.

Mr. Rayner reported in regard to the sewer contract and notes that Counsel Stevens had gone carefully over the whole matter and advised that to avoid any question of doubt as to the legality of the bonds that are to be issued by Bloomfield and Montclair townships to pay their part for the outlet sewer construction, that an ordinance be framed jointly by the townships, duly advertised and passed, payments made and to be made in pursuance of such ordinance.

The resignation of Thomas Rawson Jr. from Excelsior Hose Co. was accepted.

The Fire Committee reported that the hydrants of this township were of a kind not likely to become frozen in the coldest weather.

The report of the engineer, John W. Ferguson, that the bell tower could be strengthened and made perfectly secure from vibration by an expenditure of \$100 was accepted.

Upon motion of Mr. Rayner the work was ordered done by Mr. Ferguson.

The fact that by the Poor Law the Township Committee have no discretion in the expending of the appropriation for support of the poor came out in the question asked by Mr. Stout of the Overseer, "if he could have a house for the poor?" The Overseer said he would have to buy it if a justice ordered it.

Lodge Installations and Speakers. Officers of Wm. S. Pierson Post, G. A. R., were duly installed last Friday night. Wm. Pierson, Jr., Commander of Farnsworth Post, No. 1, V. E. W., was installing officer. He had on his staff in full uniform J. L. D. Hiker, G. D., and W. A. Armstrong, Captain of Farnsworth Post, Geo. W. Panscott, J. D. of Lafayette Post, N. Y., and Col. Henry Hays of Elias Howe, Jr. Post, Bridgeport, Conn. After the installation lunch was served in a dining room, and pipes were passed around, after which comrades gathered around the fire and swapped stories. The following are the new officers: Jos. A. Peloubet, Com.; Nathan Russell, S. V. C.; Theo. Cadmus, J. V. C.; J. B. Dunbar, Quartermaster; Charles C. Adams, Adjutant; Wm. H. Dodd, O. D.; Fred Brown, O. C.; Uriah Slay, Surgeon.

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Phil Kearny Council No. 35, National Provedent Union, at a meeting on Monday night installed the following officers: President, Fred Stiers, Jr.; Vice President, Wm. E. Eastman; Chaplain, Edw. Holland; Secretary, Chas. Schaefer; Collector, Frank Gabe, Jr.; Treasurer, Wm. H. Bickler; Osmundson, Otto J. Scholten; Marshal, Jas. W. Anandale; Instruction, Walter L. Hark; Usher, Thos. Senior; Guard, L. A. Poel; Trustees, Samuel G. Hyster, Chas. A. Clark and John L. Hyster. Thos. H. Tunison, Governor of New Jersey National Provedent Union, installed them, after which he made an address upon the progress of the order in the State. A petition such as the Council knows how to get up was then discussed, the famous George Washington punch bowl being brought in as evidence. Songs were sung by Wm. L. Eastman and J. W. Anandale, recitations by Dr. J. Scholten and Edw. Holland, with addresses by S. G. Hyster, Chas. A. Clark and others—closing with a prayer in which N. P. U. cigars, a new brand made from the tobacco, were used.

ORGANIZED CHARITY.

AN EXPENSIVE PLAYTHING AND GENERAL CONSCIENCE QUIETER.

Ten Dollars for the Officials and One Dollar for the Needy—A Sample Furnished by Charity, as Wholesome Advice to Those Who Want to Help the Poor.

(Special Correspondence.) "Charity covereth a multitude of sins" is a more popular saying now than a meaning Paul never intended has been read into it than when it was first pronounced. The charity which thinketh no evil is not the cloak-officiating virtue of today. Modern charity consists of systematic almsgiving, and serves very little to hide such sins as robbery, murder and cheating consumers. If charity would right all the wrongs of which the people complain, the millennium would come tomorrow. Working people will have none of it; trades unions conduct their own charities on a mutualistic plan and do not ask for it outside; speakers and bachelors institutions, organizations and societies would come everywhere.

Charity is the panacea to which every successful business man ever comes attacked with qualms of conscience brought on by too great indulgence in dubious transactions; it is the quietus which which good men stifle their own natural indignation against the last resort of ladies wearied with too much pleasure seeking. Yet these people are often started at the inadequacy of their purse. Working people will have none of it; trades unions conduct their own charities on a mutualistic plan and do not ask for it outside; speakers and bachelors institutions, organizations and societies would come everywhere.

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are nearly as far from really increasing the needy. A rich man can in time get any one in if he wishes to do so. Unaided and alone one may drop of hunger before any of these doors will open to receive him. If one is homeless and poor the only possible way to get under a roof is to stay on the streets until a policeman takes one in hand—and he being an influential person will get one in somewhere, if it's nothing more than the police station.

It is with charity as it is with foreign missions. It takes ten dollars to get one dollar where it will do the work it was intended to do. Business men shrink from it and even their consciences by sticking up in their offices signs like this: "We give to such and such a charity. No beggars allowed here." And in the meantime homeless boys crouch shivering in dry goods boxes, starving mothers are found lying with their dead and dying children around them, men loiter about the streets hopelessly displaying cards of buttons or papers of pins, and every now and then a strong man's suicide tells the story of his despair.

Charity never can at its best do the work of justice. All palliative measures must be but bungling attempts at a proper adjustment of human relations, so long as labor does not receive an equivalent for its productions and the elements of earth are locked away from man's use. But at least one can try to use common sense in making a gift as in other affairs of life. If you have \$10,000 to give away, do not put it in the hands of an organized charitable institution with expenditure of officers, matrons, solicitors, etc., to be paid from the funds. Rather look about—surely one would take the trouble to do this one were seeking a paying investment. You will soon see places where a little money will revive hope in a despairing breast, start a fallen man on the upward path, save the sick, reclaim the erring, relieve actual want and suffering. When you want anything done well, you know, you do it yourself. Meanwhile work and hope for the just and just will make charity unnecessary. LIZZIE M. HOLMES, Chicago.

Colored Men in Union. A delegate to the general assembly of the Knights of Labor, which recently met in St. Louis, is reported in The Republic of this city, as saying that the colored men do not make good members of labor organizations. He illustrated the point by recalling the organization of the negroes in the Louisiana sugar district about five years ago, and the sudden collapse of their organizations during the strike in which it will be remembered, the state militia and deputy sheriffs took a hand, killing a number of the strikers.

It is certain that the colored man in the north frequently makes as good a union man as his white brother, and in some cases they conduct labor organizations as successfully as the white men. They have over their race very successfully. The colored workers have recently perfected the organization of a National Alliance of Colored Workers, which bids to be stable and effective. They have over 700 members in their Chicago lodge, and preparations are being made, it is said, to make a move for improved conditions and wages before the Columbian exposition opens.

In the National Alliance the following states are represented by local Illinois, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Iowa, New York, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Texas and Tennessee.

Steps are being taken by the Austrian government looking to the institution of workmen's permanent committees for the purpose of guarding the moral and material interests of the working people. These committees are to consist of members elected by the workers themselves, and they will have authority to settle questions of wages and conditions of employment as well as a vote in the disposition of funds for pensions, sickness and accident. Employers claim to be opposed to the idea of having the government back them. However, the plan of the government will probably be adopted.

The condition of labor in Austria is very bad, and there is much suffering among the poor. Labor leaders claim that there are fully 400,000 idle men in Austria, and that already applications have been made for shelter during the winter by 40,000 persons who are without homes. The spirit of unrest is very strong, and the bitterness of feeling is displayed at the meetings of the unemployed, which have been frequent during the past few weeks.

To Charity a Dead Leader. In the course of the memorial services held in honor of the late L. L. Polk at the Memorial meeting of the National Alliance, Mrs. Marion Todd, of Michigan, said:

We have assembled for the purpose of honoring our dead leader, but I can be said to fail to sufficiently honor him. I therefore pray for action. I do not appeal to the rich, for they are drunk on the blood of the poor. I do not appeal to the poor, for they are chained by poverty. I do not appeal to the workers, for they are busy saving souls. I do not appeal to the newspapers, for they are controlled by the wealthy. I do not appeal to the politicians, for they are controlled by the wealthy. I do not appeal to the nation, for it is controlled by the wealthy. I appeal to the human race as a whole, to stand up for the rights of the poor, and to demand that the wealthy be made accountable for their actions. I appeal to the human race to stand up for the rights of the poor, and to demand that the wealthy be made accountable for their actions.

Bus Driver (to conductor of opposition bus)—I've know'd yer ever since yer was born. I know'd yer poor mother, she had two on yer at that time. One was a werry nice little boy, yer brother, half idiot—was sort of a brown paper fellow. The werry nice little boy died werry young, he did.—London Tit-Bits.

FOUR LITTLE NUGGETS.

Panned Out of the Streets of Current Events by Businessmen.

It is hardly necessary to do more than tear the wrapper from The Union Printer these days to see that there has been a recent change in the management and editorial control. The paper has had several editors, good, bad and indifferent, since it was first established eight years ago as The Boycotter. The latest change was more radical than any which preceded it, and it was for the better. The new editor, William McCabe, is a man of brains, of ideas, with advanced views upon the great questions which are supposed to interest the intelligent workman. One can find in The Union Printer now something likeable political logy (at so much per inch) and the blackguardism of cowardly writing over non de plumes, and Mr. McCabe says he'll hold her nose up in the bank so long as he is the pilot. William, we are looking at you.

The Mail and Express, in an editorial about the recent vote cast in New York says:

The secret ballot no doubt facilitated the vote for outside parties and enabled many a timid man, who would otherwise have remained true to his party, to throw away his vote on the Socialist, Prohibitionist or Populist ticket.

Colonel Shepard, editor of The Mail and Express, will probably start a movement for a return to the old method of voting so as to keep the "timid" man from again "throwing away his vote."

The latest wrinkle is the trial of the New Orleans truck drivers and freight handlers on the charge that in their recent strike they conspired against commerce. The Rock Island telegraphers are charged with having conspired to destroy the comet.

New York. JOE B. CHESMAN.

Santa Claus and Homestead. A New York paper a few days before Christmas contained what purported to be the letter Santa Claus had written to the children of one of the schools. The children of one of the schools were asked to write to Santa, and these letters were selected from the 300 submitted.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS—We have had trouble to keep our living. My papa is not working in the mill. Please send my brothers and sisters some clothes. Please remember me to your old man.

DEAR SANTA—My papa is out of work and he has had trouble. The people in Homestead had trouble, and they are starving. Please send my brothers and sisters some clothes. Please remember me to your old man.

DEAR SANTA—I want you to bring me a pair of boots. I want to know if you will think you will. You are a nice old man. The men in Homestead have been on the strike, and they have had trouble. The people in Homestead had trouble, and they are starving. Please send my brothers and sisters some clothes. Please remember me to your old man.

DEAR SANTA—They are 1500 men out of work, and they are starving. The relief man went around and asked if they needed anything to eat. There was a little baby died, and they had not enough money to buy a coffin. Please send my brothers and sisters some clothes. Please remember me to your old man.

Poor little barefooted victims of Mammon!

Bread at Any Cost. A new expedient by the unemployed, avowedly urged on by the Social Democratic Federation, engaged the attention of the London school board recently. A deprivation of ten persons presented a petition asking that the thousands of children who were starving on account of their parents being out of work should be provided with at least three meals a day. A gentleman who spoke in support of the memorial had no collar, but wore a blue jersey.

A Sign from Heaven. "A queer story was related to me many years ago by Rev. William Shapson, then one of the leading lights of the Methodist church in eastern Iowa and western Illinois," said Harvey Good enough, a Hawkeye pioneer, at the Laclede. "While the Mormons were carrying things with a high hand in western Illinois they converted a young woman, a member of Elder Simpson's flock. A few months spent at Nauvoo sufficed to disenchant her, and she returned home a confirmed skeptic. The church people labored with her long and faithfully, but without overcoming her unbelief. Before her bedroom window stood a large oak tree. She announced that she was going to pray the Lord for a sign—that she would ask him if he really had an existence to manifest it by causing the great oak tree to wither, as Christ is said to have blasted the fig tree. She was to prefer her request for a sign upon which to ground her faith at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

"Her resolution at once became the talk of the town, and many visited the tree and carefully examined it. It was perfectly sound, full of sap and covered with a profusion of bright green leaves. At sunset every leaf was as brown and withered as in the depths of winter. The elder stated that with a party of men he cut the tree down and dug up the stump, and that it was dead from the topmost branch to the smallest root. The young woman's prayer had been answered. She at once reentered the church and devoted her life to missionary work, spending several years in China and Japan."

—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Platinum Mines of Russia. The platinum beds of the Ural mountains are the only ones in the world in which this metal is found in grains. Platinum is found in Brazil and in the Cordilleras in the hand serpentine rocks, but never in the form of grains. The platinum beds of the Ural mountains are found in various districts—in the north at Besselski, in the government of Perm, in the district of Kirovsk and in the state properties of Goriogadsk, where sixty-six mining concessions have been granted. All the beds of the northern region are situated in the basin of the river Tura, in that of the tributary stream of Taghil and in other tributaries higher up.

On the western declivity of the Ural mountains there is another platinum bed near the river Outka, a tributary of the Toboysk, and the basins of the higher tributaries of the Outka, near the Ural river. The platinum found in these places is in the form of grains, in sand frequently containing gold. The weight of these grains is from seven to twenty-one grams to every 1,640 kilograms of sand.—Exchange.

Eurasia has no boundaries. It lies, a varying social fact, all over India, thick in the great cities, thickest in Calcutta, where the conditions of life are generally winning are most suitable, and where, moreover, Eurasian charities are most numerous. Wherever Europeans have come and gone, people have sprung up in weekly testimony of their devotion to their blood that makes it possible for them to live and die in India. Nothing ever exterminate Eurasia; it clings to the sun and the soil, and is marvelously propagative within its borders.—S. S. Duncan in Popular Science Monthly.

It Was Not Slang. A contentious church member in a western town recently attempted to have his pastor disciplined for using the slang phrase "not in it" in the pulpit, but the bottom dropped out of his charge when the clergyman produced the manuscript of his sermon and read this sentence from it, "In a word, my Christian hearers, the ark was a miniature world; there was no form of life that was not in it."

—New York Tribune.

Famously Bred Contempt. Judge Duffy—How dare you come into court so? Take your hat off! Tramp—But, judge, you know I'm not a stranger here.—Texas Siftings.

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